Joint venture of NTPC and BHEL

2896. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government proposes to create a separate company, namely, NTPC-BHEL Power Project Private Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for starting such a company in view of the fact that BHEL already exists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir. NTPC Ltd. is in the process of formation of a Joint Venture Company (JVC) with BHEL. Memorandum of Understanding, Joint Venture Agreement and a Supplementary Agreement has been signed and Registrar of Companies is being approached for allotting the name of the JV Company.

(b) The JVC would carry out Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contracts for Power Plants and other Infrastructure Projects as well as manufacture and supply equipments for power plants and other infrastructure projects in India and abroad including plant engineering, project management, quality insurance, quality control, procurement, logistics, site management, erection and commissioning services. The JVC shall have an initial authorized and paid up capital of Rs. 5 crore equally subscribed by the initial promoters *viz.* BHEL and NTPC Ltd.

(c) Considering the large capacity addition plan in the country during the 11th and 12th Five Year Plans, there is a need to expand the domestic power equipment manufacturing capability as well as to strengthen the related manufacturing activities including Balance of Plant (BOP) etc. EPC for power plant and other infrastructure projects is another area which needs further expanion. NTPC Ltd. and BHEL intend to leverage their respective strengths and synergies to set up manufacturing facilities of energy related equipments for generation of power and also for taking up EPC of power plants and other infratructure project. Accordingly, NTPC Ltd. and BHEL intend to work jointly to complement their respective strengths through formation of a JVC.

NTPC power plants

2897. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of thermal power plants in the country under the overall control of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC);

(b) the installed capacity of these power plants and the power generated from these plants;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of these power plants have not been able to generate power as per their installed capacity; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) NTPC has 15 coal based stations and 7 combined cycle gas/liquid fuel based stations. The details of these stations are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. There was partial loss/outage in generation due to coal shortage in 4 of the above coal based stations. The loss in plant load factor (PLF) for the period 2007-08 is as under: